Maguzzolo is June 2022 Xbox Ambassador of the Month!

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It’s June and we have a new Xbox Ambassador of the Month and Community Champion – maguzzolo! He’s a longtime Ambassador, gamer, and content creator who loves Xbox and the Xbox community. Read on below to get to know maguzzolo better, and be sure to say hello when you see him around our social spaces or on Xbox.

How did gaming become one of your passions?
I’ll be 50 next year and I began playing games when I was very young, when my father bought some of the first home computers, such as the Commodore VIC-20: I played some of the very first videogames that existed! I’ve always had a vivid imagination, so what really hooked me about games was being pulled into fantasy worlds, even if they were made of just a few pixels back in those days!

What’s your favorite video game or franchise, and why?

Well, you put me in a tight spot here… I play a lot of different games but I’ve always felt a deep connection with the Gears franchise. Gears of War 2 has been my very first online experience, the very first time I put an headset on and played with others, it was a revelation. I’m not a top-tier Gears player, but anyway I’m really fond of those games: the lore and characters are great and I love how visceral and satisfying the gameplay is, to me there’s no other third-person shooter out there that gives the same vibes. Besides, Gears has been and still is one of the cornerstones of the Xbox catalogue, so being a devoted Xbox gamer I think it’s just fitting to go with that!

How long have you been an Xbox Ambassador for, and how did you first hear about the program?

I’m an Xbox Ambassador since June, 2015. I found about it by myself on the internet. I remember I was looking for reliable sources of information about profile management and in fact what caught my eye at first was the Ambassador Academy section with its tutorials/guidelines. Then I discovered all the other cool stuff…

Do you have a favorite Xbox Ambassadors memory that you’d like to share?

It is always special when you’ve got the opportunity to meet fellow Xbox Ambassadors in real life and I always cherish those moments. I think X019 in London is my fondest memory, maybe because it’s the last big event I was able to attend, before COVID and lockdowns. And I had my big moment when I got to shake hands with Phil himself!

For you, what’s the most important line of the Xbox Ambassador Pledge and why?

I always do my best in order to positively represent the Xbox Ambassadors community, that’s the line I think it’s the most important. The most effective way of spreading all the principles we stand for is to be an as-good-as-possible example of what an Xbox Ambassador is supposed to be.

What does a healthy community mean to you?

To me, an healthy community is first of all a welcoming space. I don’t like it when communities become a “closed elite” of strictly like-minded people. Talking about gaming, the very same console, even a single game, may represent many different things to different people, who may very well have different goals, habits, priorities.

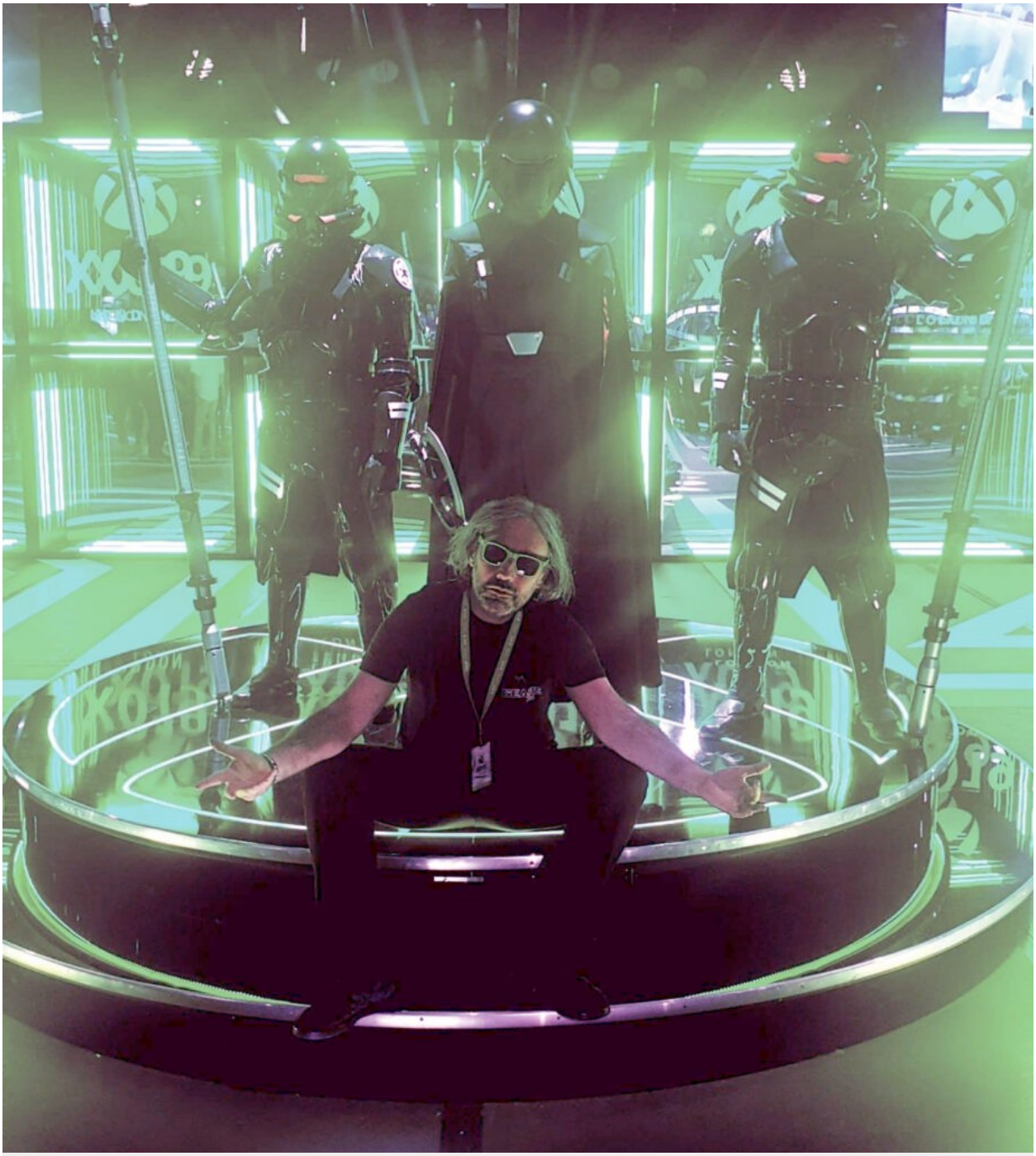
How do you think online communities positively impact the lives of gamers?

Online communities are very important to me. I think sharing is the most gratifying experience to have, and communities empower everyone with the ability to easily do so. I’ve been playing games for a very long time and little by little I’ve understood that there’s more than just slaying monsters, or jumping on platforms. The real beauty of it comes from sharing your adventures with your fellow gamers: memories, tips, opinions, wins and defeats.

What do you like to do outside of gaming?

I have a job as a database developer (using Microsoft technologies, of course!) and in my spare time I also like playing guitar/bass, sometimes taking the stage in local bars with my band. Of course I spend time with my soulmate Morgana: she's really understanding of my… strong commitment to gaming, but thankfully every now and then she pushes me to go on holidays and travels, otherwise I'd stay at home playing games maybe a little too much! Last but not least, I spend quality time every day with my furry pal, Peppe the Cat.

As Ambassador of the Month, what message do you have for other members of the Xbox Ambassadors community?
My little message is to always remember to enjoy what we already have and get the most out of it, being games or whatever. We are exposed to a lot of hype these days: as fans, looking forward to an upcoming game is all right of course, but I feel that we often end up being more interested in "what's next", than in what we already have at our disposal.



We hope you enjoyed this spotlight of maguzzolo. To hear more from him, check out his Twitter. Say hello and congrats when you see him around! For more information on Community Champions and the excellent Ambassadors who make up that community, check out this blog explaining the role and listing the current roster. If you know an Xbox Ambassador who should be spotlighted in this way, please nominate them as a Community Champion at this Form.